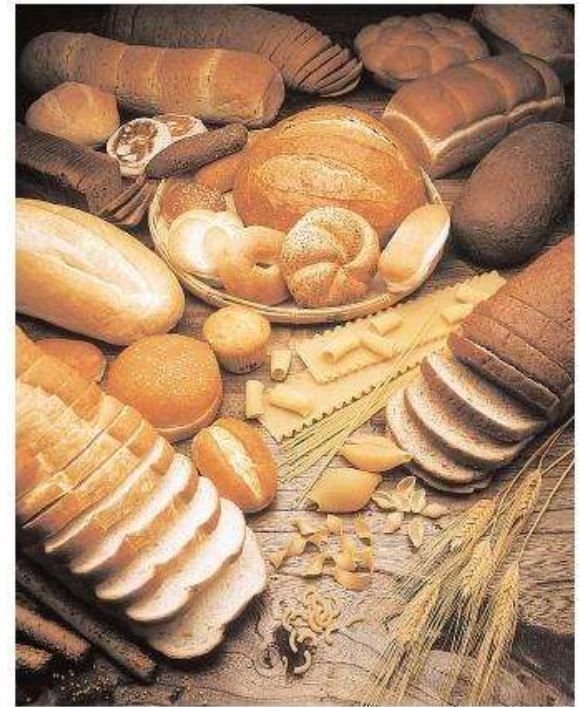


# CARBOHYDRATE CHEMISTRY

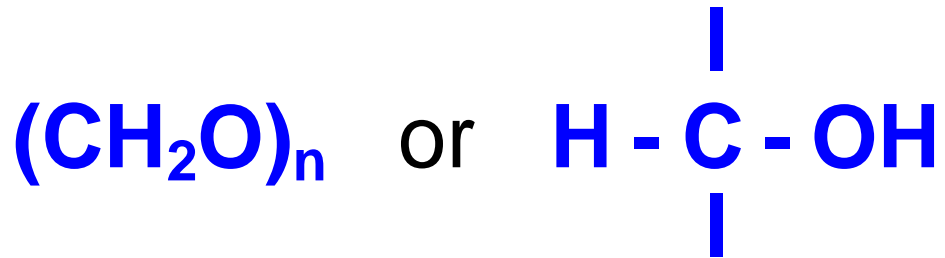


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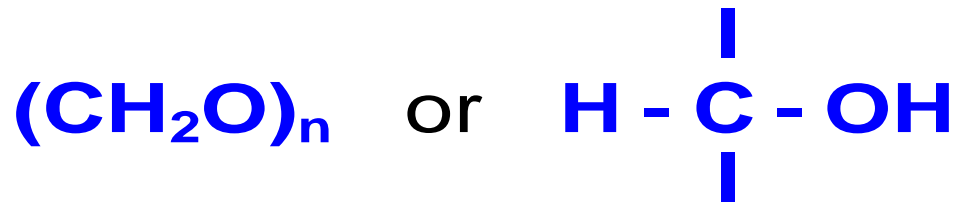
# Carbohydrates

- *Carbo(C).....Hydrate*  
(hydrates of carbon)
- Most have general formula  $C_nH_{2n}O_n$



# Carbohydrate Definition

polyhydroxyaldehyde or  
polyhydroxyketone, or a substance that  
can be hydrolyzed to form these  
compounds



# Functions of Carbohydrates

- Structural role
- Energy source



- **Importance:**
- 1- Energy source; storage and labile
- 2- Structural components cell wall, cell membrane
- 3- Glycoconjugates
- 4- Lubricants

# Solubility

- ❑ The presence of the **hydroxyl groups** allows carbohydrates to interact with the aqueous environment and to participate in hydrogen bonding, both within and between chains

# Classification of Carbohydrates

**Monosaccharides** - simple sugars



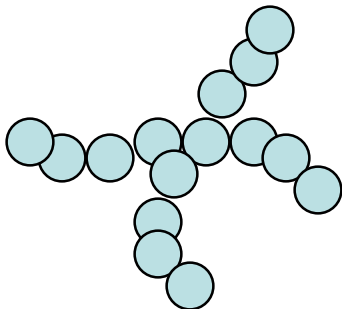
◆ **Disaccharides** - 2 monosaccharides covalently linked.



**Oligosaccharides** – 3 to 10 monosaccharides covalently linked.



**Polysaccharides** - more than 10 monosaccharide units covalently linked.





# MONOSACCHARIDES





# *Monosaccharides*

A monosaccharide is a carbohydrate that cannot be hydrolyzed to a simpler carbohydrate (simple sugar)

- biologically important ones are:
  - *Glucose: most common sugar, also blood sugar*
  - *Fructose : fruit sugar*
  - *Galactose: sugar found in milk*

# Properties of Monosaccharides

- Simplest of carbohydrates
- Sweet-tasting
- Dissolve in water
- Straight chain or ring structure
- All in body are of the D type
- Reducing sugars

# Monosaccharide Classification

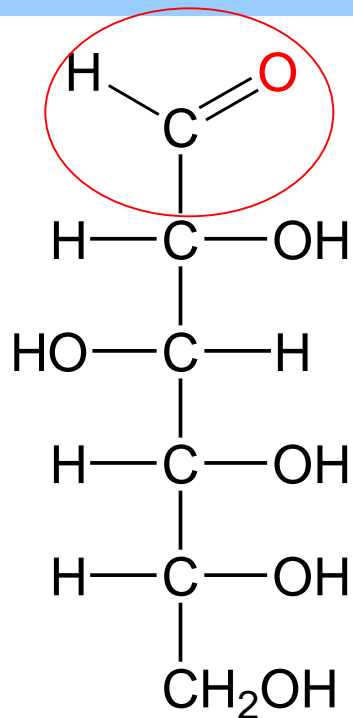
- 1- On the basis of the numbers of carbon atoms
- 2- On the basis of the functional group.

# 1. According to number of carbons

- 3 carbons      triose
- 4                tetrose
- 5                pentose      ribose
- 6                hexose      glucose, fructose  
   galactose
- 7                heptose
- 8                octose
- 9                nonose

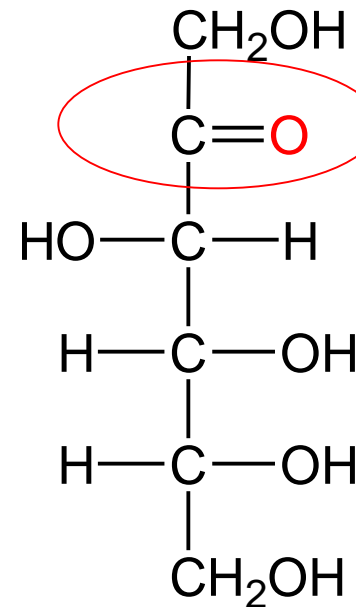
## 2. According to functional group

Aldoses have an aldehyde group at one end.



D-glucose

Ketoses have a keto group, usually at C2.

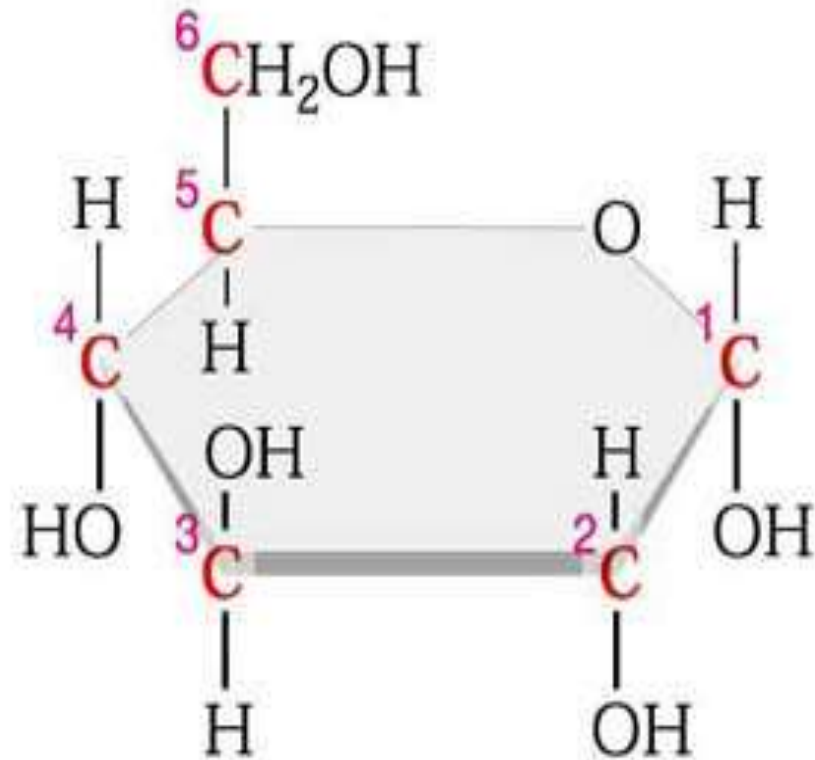
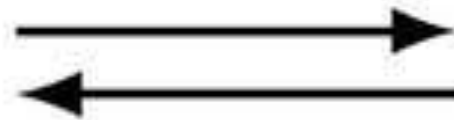
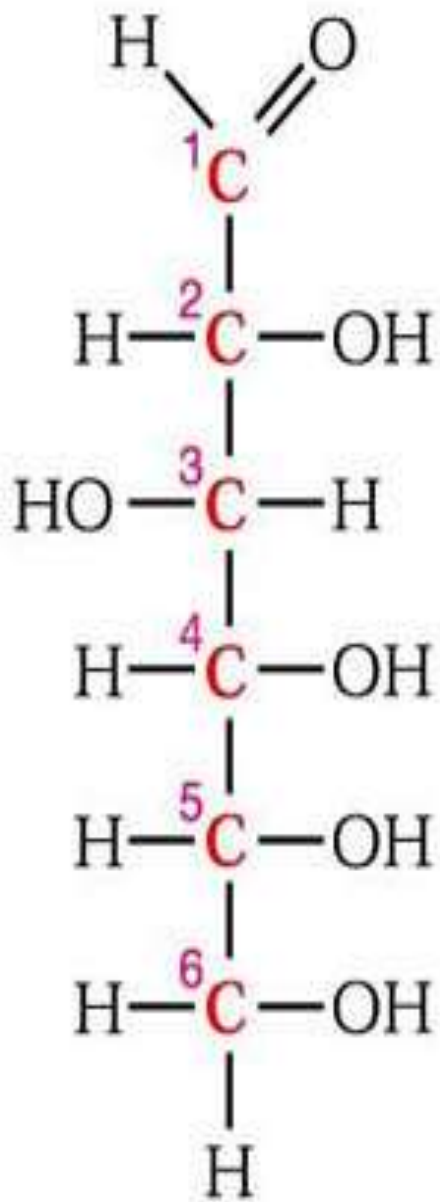


D-fructose



Structure of glucose, the most common sugar found in humans and other vertebrates. Monosaccharides can exist in both linear and ring forms [ring form is much more common]. Note the C-numbering.

Glucose

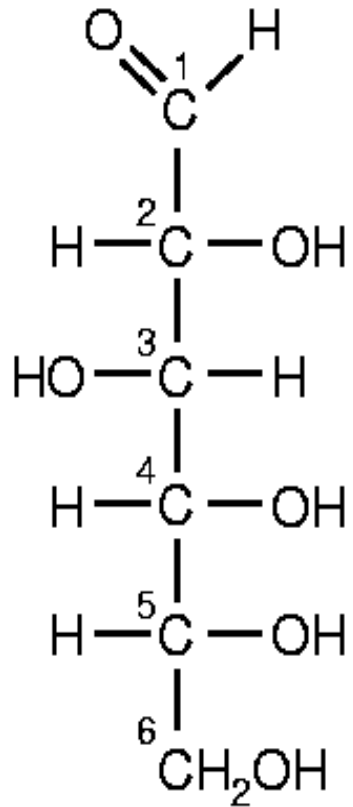


**ring**  
**(more stable)**

**linear**

# ISOMERS: same chemical formulae

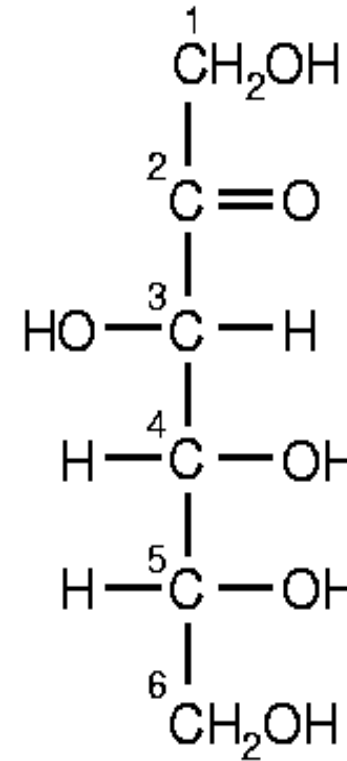
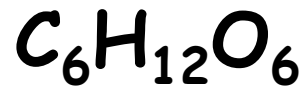
(a)



D  
(α)

Glucose

(b)



D-Fructose  
(a ketose)



L-Fructose

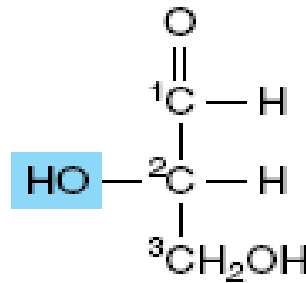
# ISOMERS OF MONOSACCHARIDES

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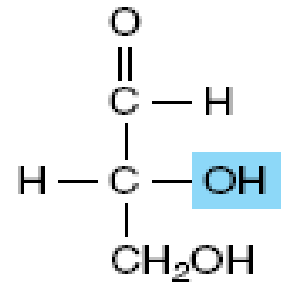


= mirror images  
(enantiomers)

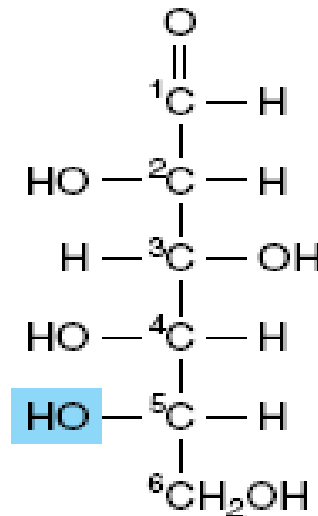
nature important:  
**D-monosaccharides**



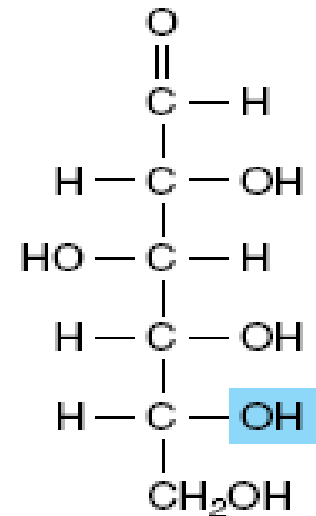
L-Glycerose  
(L-glyceraldehyde)



D-Glycerose  
(D-glyceraldehyde)



L-Glucose

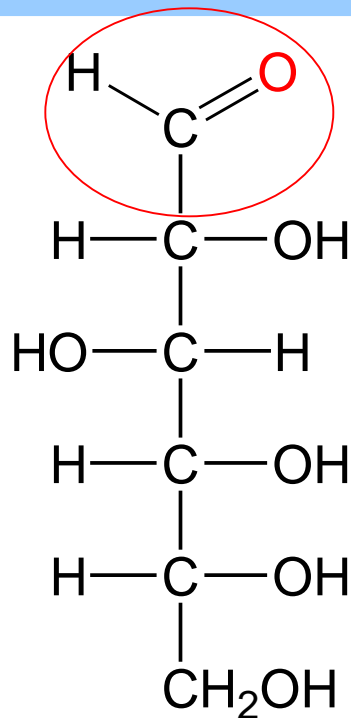


D-Glucose

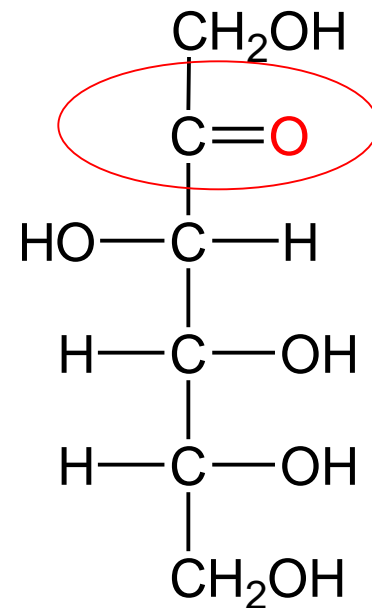
# D & L Conformations

- ☐ Monosaccharides can exist in either of two configurations, as determined by the orientation of the hydroxyl group about the asymmetric carbon farthest from the carbonyl group..

## 2) Aldoses and Ketoses



D-glucose



D-fructose

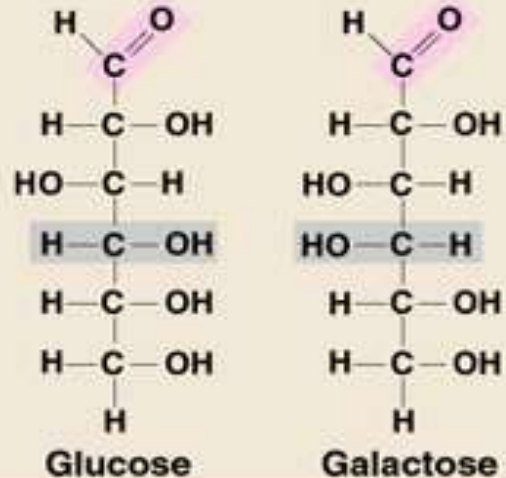
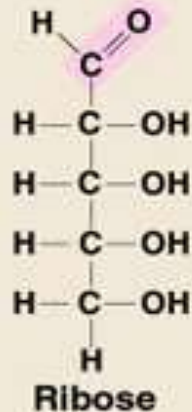
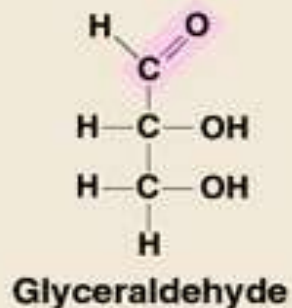


**TRIOSE SUGARS (C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O<sub>3</sub>)**

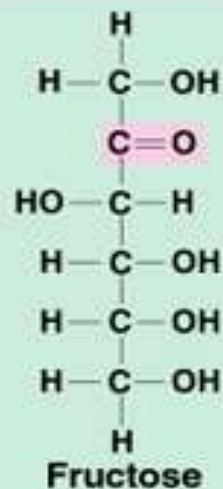
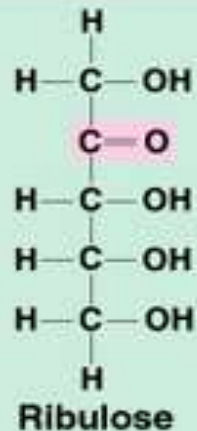
**PENTOSE SUGARS (C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)**

**HEXOSE SUGARS (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>6</sub>)**

**ALDOSES**

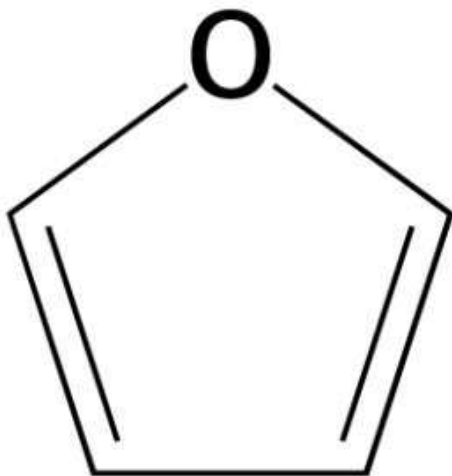


**KETOSES**

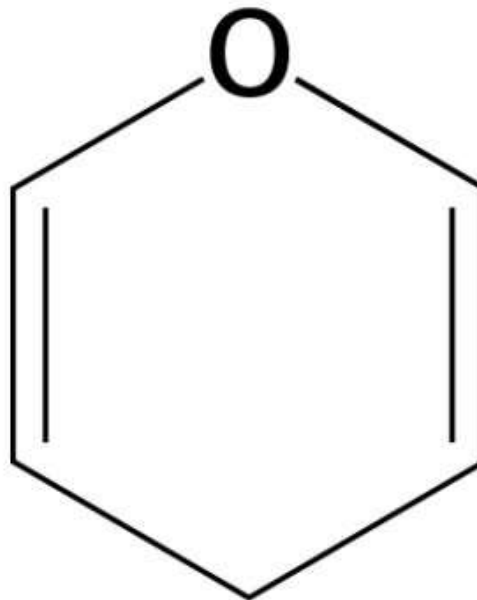


### 3) pyranoses and furanoses

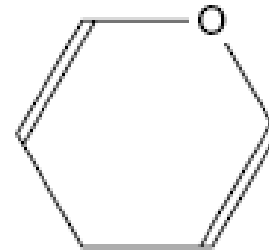
Sugars Prefer To Be Cyclic in solutions



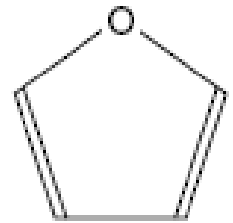
**Furan**



**Pyran**

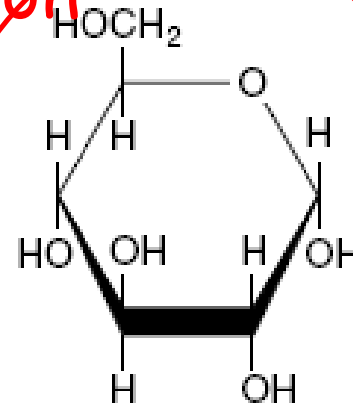


Pyran

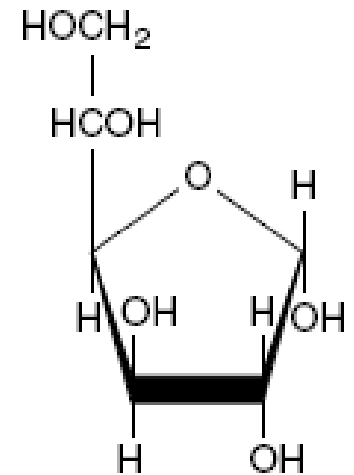


Furan

99% of Glucose in solution  
is found in pyranose  
form



$\alpha$ -D-Glucopyranose

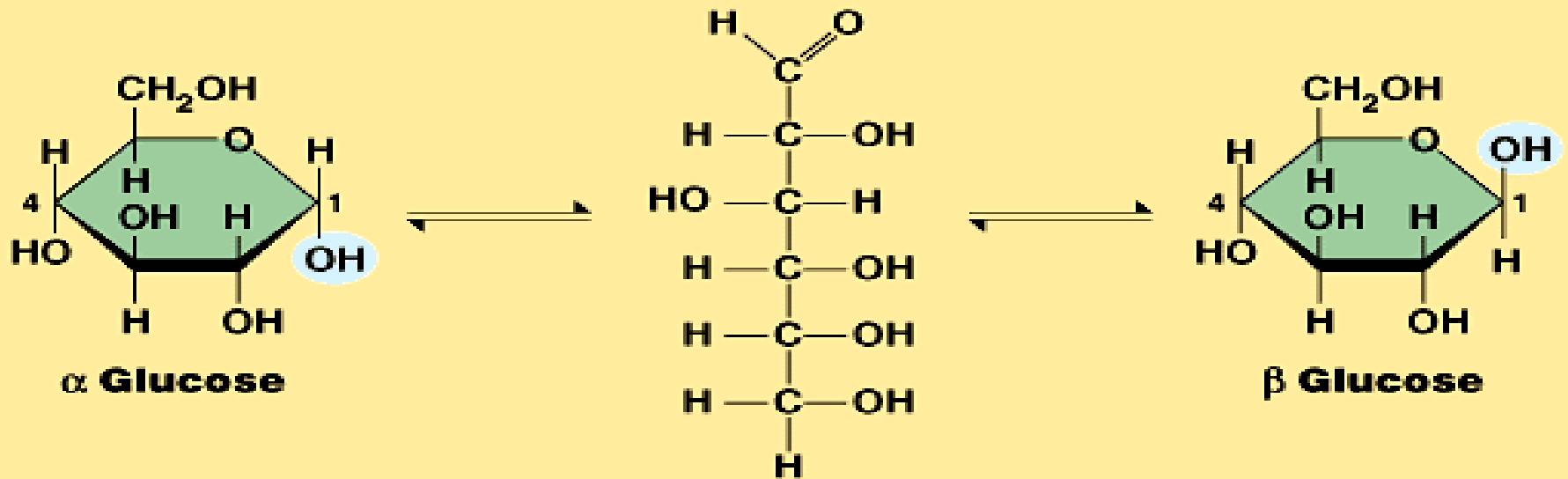


$\alpha$ -D-Glucofuranose

## 4) $\alpha$ and $\beta$ anomers



only cyclic molecules

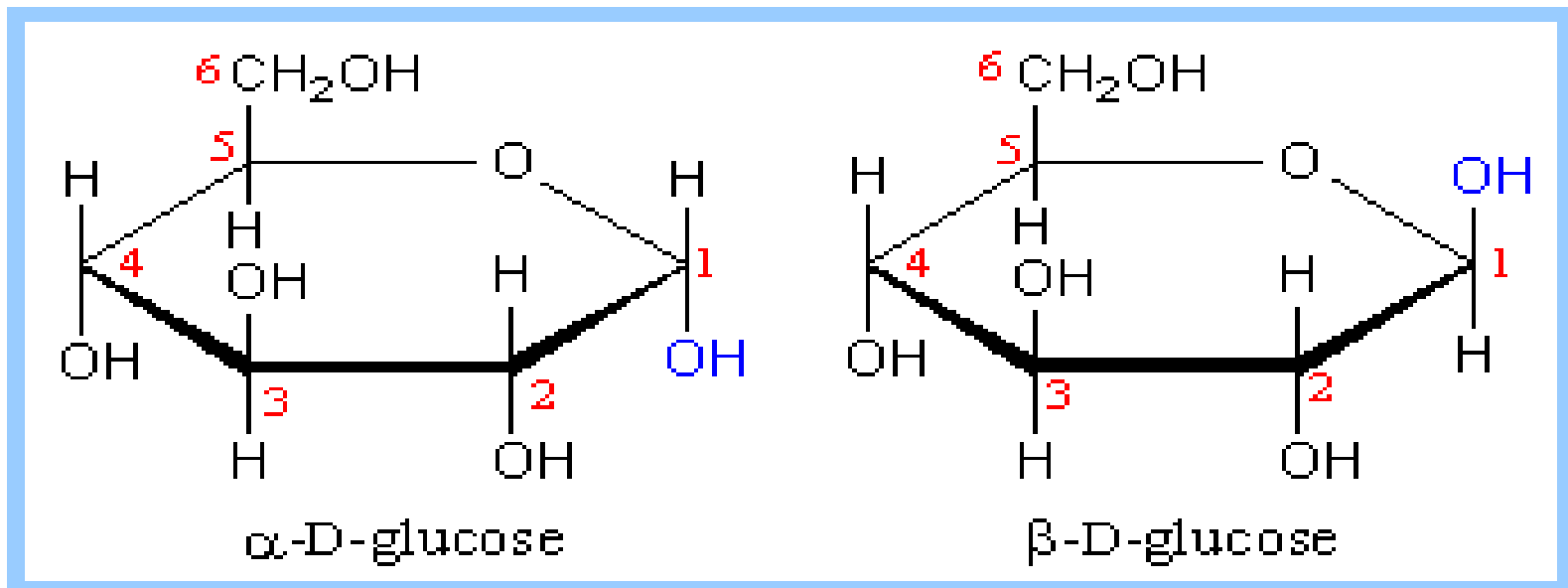


(a)  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  glucose ring structures

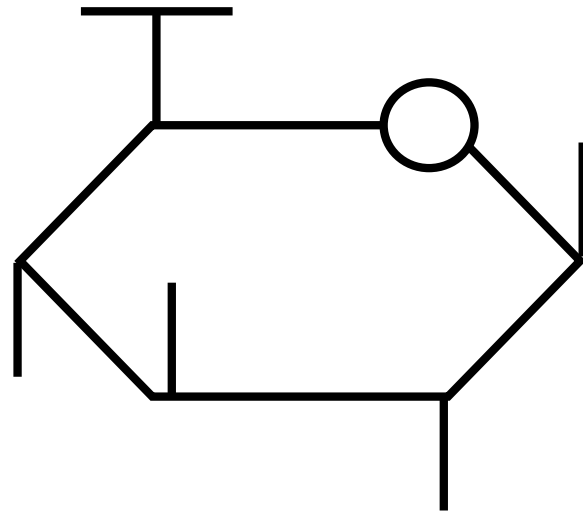
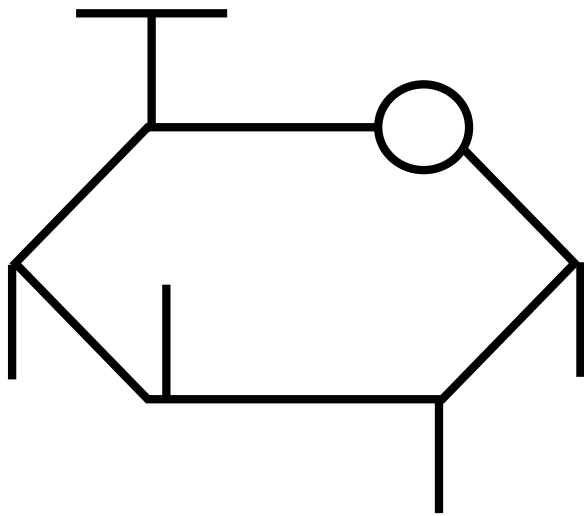
\* **OH orientation of anomeric carbon** is the basis of this classification.

**β anomer** : Same side with the side chain( the last carbon atom)

**α anomer** : opposite side with the side chain







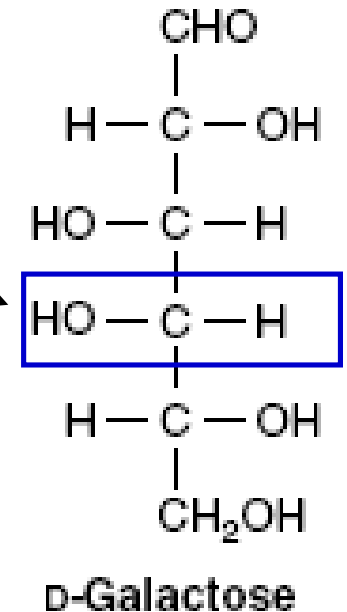
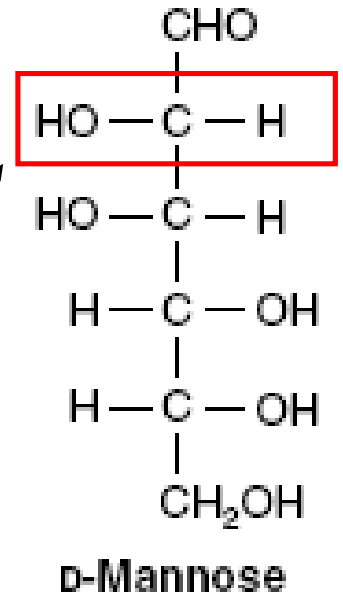
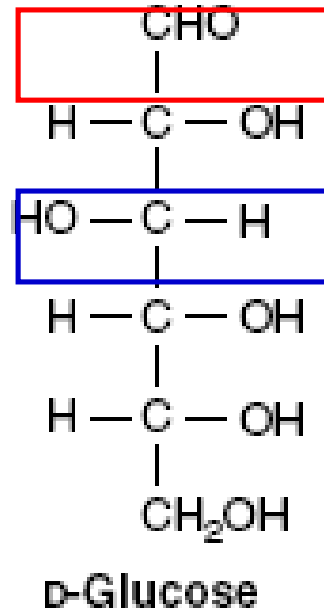
At equilibrium 1/3 will be  $\alpha$  and 2/3 will be  $\beta$  anomer.

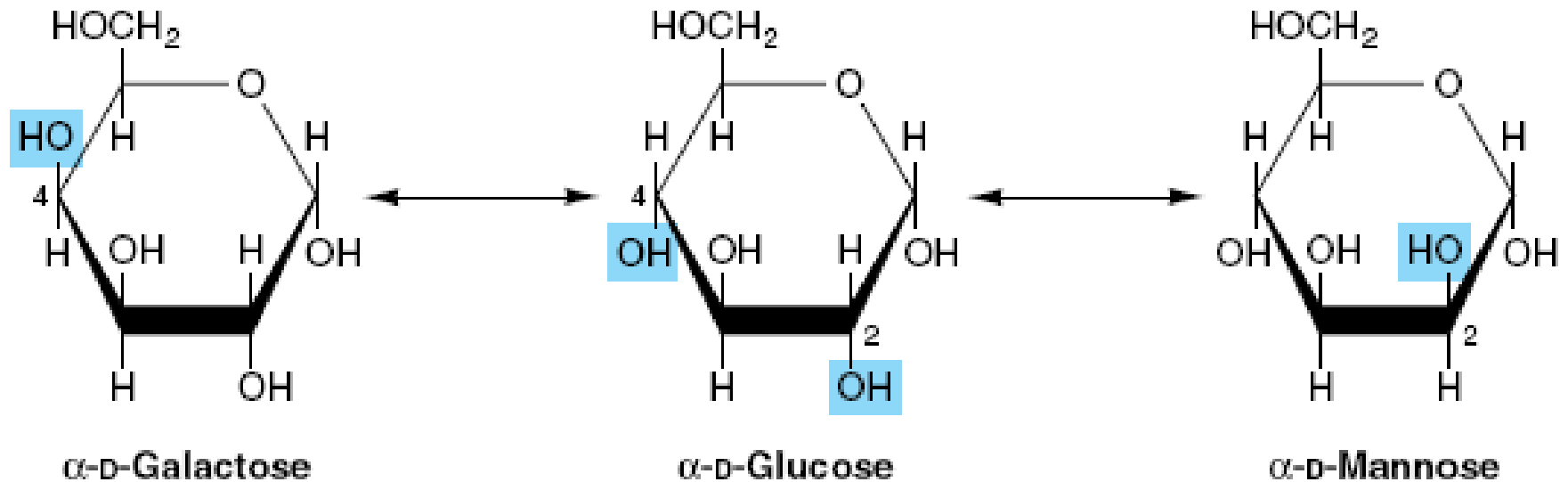
## 5) epimers

**EPIMERS:** differ in  
conformation around  
**ONE** carbon

**Man = 2-epimer of Glc**

**Gal = 4-epimer of Glc**





**Gal** is found in  
lactose (milk sugar)

**Galactose and Mannose** are  
epimers of glucose

